

## WAR IS MOST CERTAIN

### MINISTERS OF RUSSIA AND JAPAN PREPARING TO RETURN.

Preparations On at Tokio and St. Petersburg—All Signs Point to War—Mikado Is Calling Home His Subjects From Many Points.

Tokio, Feb. 7.—It is clear that diplomatic relations between Japan and Russia have been broken. Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, is expected to depart in a few days. His preparations for departure are now progressing. The Russian legation expected its government to break silence today, but no communication was received except one announcing that troops had been dispatched to Seoul.

The populace is not aware of the diplomatic proceedings, and, although it is generally known that the country is on the eve of war, the people await the clash with the same calmness that marked their demeanor in the preliminary stage of the controversy.

It is believed that the final interview between Foreign Minister Komura and Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, took place yesterday afternoon. The Baron drove to Minister Komura's official residence and remained 20 minutes. The nature of their conference is a secret, as are all the important acts of the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—The Japanese minister, M. Kurino, is preparing to leave St. Petersburg. The Russian reply has been handed to the Japanese government by Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio.

The minister had anticipated such a contingency, and had made arrangements to vacate the legation building. It was even reported today on apparently good authority that Mr. Kurino has ordered a special car to be in readiness at the Warsaw station to take him to Germany. The current affairs of the Japanese legation will be turned over to the British embassy, if the worst happens. The absence of Mr. Kurino from the theatricals given at the Winter palace last night, which were attended by all the other ministers and by the ambassadors, was generally remarked.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—The scene of the Russo-Japanese negotiations has shifted, and now Russia waits for Japan to see how her latest word is to be received. As each communication has passed between the capitals of the contending powers the situation has become more tense, until it is now feared diplomacy is making its last exchange and the question at issue may go to the arbitrament of sterner methods. Russia tonight is keenly awake to the possibilities of the situation, and is eagerly waiting the first intimation which may give a clew to the temper of Japan. This means official, intelligent Russia on the banks of the Nova, and to a lesser extent in the larger cities.

Beyond the confines of these centers of population the calm current of monotonous life of the vast empire has flowed on until now undisturbed. The multitude in the interior, who, in the end, must do the fighting if there is to be war on a large scale, have not yet awakened to the impending danger. It will be only when the emperor shall issue his manifesto and his call to arms that they will be aroused.

The emperor, in the event of war may go to Moscow to submit his cause and fate to the Almighty at the altar of the Troitsko Monastery, as his fathers have done in the past, before drawing the sword, but whether he does or not, his manifesto, which will be read in all the churches of the empire and posted everywhere, will rouse the patriotism of his subjects.

In the hotels and restaurants of St. Petersburg the situation is being discussed tonight with great seriousness. The weather is bitterly cold and street fires are burning, and the people are asking if it is possible for hostilities to begin at a season when the thermometer registers 40 degrees below zero Fahrenheit in north Manchuria. They are speculating upon the horrors that would characterize such a winter campaign, and wondering if the story of the sufferings at Shipka Pass are to be repeated. The Russians are confident, however, that if the worst comes their hardy soldiery can stand the severe cold better than their adversaries.

Paris, Feb. 7.—According to the London correspondent of the Matin persons best qualified to speak au-

thoritatively regarding Japanese matters declare that Japan's final decision has already been taken, and that Russia's answer, whatever may be its tenor, will not make any difference. War these persons say, is inevitable, for Japan henceforth will do as she chooses, without considering what Russia may think of her actions.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—While no declaration has reached this capital there is probably not an official in close touch with the innermost details of the situation that does not believe the announcement may come at any moment and surely before morning. There is already a strict censorship established here.

A dispatch from Port Arthur states that war preparations are being rushed and that all ships of the Pacific squadron which had been held in reserve some days have been put in commission. Regiments of the Third Siberian rifle brigade began to leave to take up positions along the Chirchik railway. The army and fleet is reported to be prepared for any emergency.

London, Feb. 5.—Diplomats here are awaiting anxiously for an official word from Tokio as to how Russia's reply will be received. There is no hope of a peaceful outcome. It is generally believed that the last word has been spoken. A Central News dispatch from Tokio this afternoon says the Japanese people expect war to be openly declared before 24 hours have elapsed.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—A private cable from Yokohama this afternoon says the Japanese government ordered the concentration of troops to offset the Russian advance into Manchuria. The army and transports are said to be ready for a general advance. There is a strict censorship on all matters, but outside indications are that a conflict may come at any moment.

London, Feb. 5.—Japanese Ambassador Hayashi was closeted with Lord Lansdowne for half an hour at midday. The Russian minister was called later and he immediately sent a long cipher message to St. Petersburg. It is rumored that the foreign office has assurances that war has practically been declared.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 5.—What makes war in the Orient look sure is the fact that the Canadian Pacific Telegraph company has given notice that no cables for the east will be accepted by the company except at the risk of the sender. A similar announcement was made just before the outbreak of the B. E. war.

London, Feb. 5.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Globe wires that the commander of the Chinese imperial army and vice-president of the war board, has memorialized the throne to urgently increase the offensive and defensive alliance with Japan to regain Manchuria.

London, Feb. 5.—Lloyd's have again advanced rates and announce that they expect war is liable to begin any minute. The market today reflected this general belief and consuls are weak.

A dispatch was received here this afternoon from Port Arthur that a Japanese fleet of 60 ships is cruising off Wei Hai Wei and that the transport Angara with two thousand tons of coal has been held in readiness anchored outside the harbor.

Yesterday 1,800 recruits from Odessa arrived aboard the transport Kasan, bringing to their full war strength, all the regiments of the Third Brigade.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The state department is advised that Japanese residents of the Yalu river district to come immediately to Tokio.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 5.—Alexander Morrissey, of Turtle river, Dauphin, Manitoba, had a thrilling experience with a pack of wolves while crossing Round Lake, an arm of Lake Manitoba. While a considerable distance from shore, he was attacked by 15 ferocious wolves.

Morrissey had two hounds and an ax, and had it not been for these he would have been torn to pieces. The hounds fought hard, and one was killed. Morrissey claims to have done great execution with an ax.

The track on the snow from where the attack commenced to the shore is described by Morrissey as a trail of blood. On reaching the bank he escaped the wolves he had not slain by climbing a tree.

Dr. Wells, the Albany V. S. will be at Fruit livery stables every Friday of each week. Bring your horses and have them examined free of charge.

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## BIDS ASKED FOR.

For Keeping County Poor—Other County Court News.

Following is among the business disposed of at last week's session of the county court:

The cost bill of E. Holgate, justice of the peace for \$41.05, in the case of the State versus Charles E. Small for conducting a gambling game, was allowed.

The bids of Don Woodward and Clarence Whit-side to supply the county with wood were rejected. There were no other bids. Seal warrants were issued to A. E. Hawley, A. J. Erwin, E. Mulkey and Ivan Rickard. The aggregate was \$12.

The county board of road viewers was instructed to lay out a road from Independence school house to the south line of John Todd's place, viewers to meet at Independence school house February 18, and to report at the next term of the county court.

The county board of road viewers was instructed to meet at Blodgett, February 24th, to view and survey a road petitioned for by H. Scheele, John Gredig and others.

The county clerk was ordered to advertise for bids for keeping the county poor for one year, the bids to be opened at the March term of the county court.

## Say Spirits do it.

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The artists secured alleged photos of spirits, with or without the use of a camera. The committee's pictures were taken without the apparatus. With the artist two of them went into a dark room for each sitting. The operator held one edge of a photographic plate provided by the gentleman, and they held to other parts of it. A dark cloth was then placed over the plate and the hands and all remained in that position half a minute or longer. After being immersed in the usual photographic bath, pictures appeared on the plates. Patrons are now awaiting the development of the pictures so that their character and identity may be determined if possible. This committee, in the meantime, have secured such information as leads them to believe that spirit photography is a myth. It is understood to be their belief that the pictures are obtained from the exposure of miniature figures by means of an electric spark operated with the free hand of the artist when the plate is concealed by the darkness of the room and the enveloping cloth. The artist proposes to submit to a test, but he and the committee can not agree as to conditions.

The mediums think they will be here during all this week and Mr. Kanouse thinks it possible that he will set one evening for full-form materialization.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Dr. Nicholas Senn, professor of surgery at the University of Chicago, who has just returned from a visit of some months' duration to Tahiti, made a close study while there on the conditions and customs of the natives. He says they are a simple race of happy, honest, forbearing, but dreamy people, who are doomed to extinction by civilization. The population estimated at 200,000 when Cook landed at Tahiti in 1769 has dwindled away until today it only numbers 11,000, of which 300 are whites and 800 Chinese.

Diseases of the simplest forms, such as measles and whooping cough, which have no apparent effect upon the whites, cannot be combated by the natives, who know nothing of such ailments in their primitive state. Tahiti, the doctor says, is a land of rest, especially for the whites; an excellent retreat for those suffering from nervous diseases. A native can live on food furnished by nature, and about \$2 a year will furnish him clothing. There is no object poverty, no begging, and no crime.

It is hoped that the French medical commission now at the islands will furnish a plan for sanitary relief.

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"I left San Francisco, or, rather, Oakland, on the Santa Fe line for Chicago at 8 o'clock in the evening a couple of weeks ago last Sunday. The gang that I met in 'Frisco had been rather too enthusiastic in giving me a good time of it out there on the day of my departure, so that when I woke up on the train along toward 7 o'clock the next morning the sleeper bunk felt pretty warm and my coppers a whole lot warmer. The nearest, in fact, the first stop at which I would have a chance to fix those hot coppers out was Mojave, and so I hustled into my clothes to be ready to hop off the train during the stop at Mojave for one of those katzenjammer alleviators."

"I asked the Pullman conductor how long the train would stop at Mojave, and he replied that the stop would last ten minutes. I raced into the station cafe when the train pulled into Mojave, and instructed the man in charge of the bar to rig me up one of those long, long damp things. He went at the job in a pretty scientific manner, and the piece of wet work that he set before me was a rare thing to find right alongside of the California desert. It was such a fine and effective creation, in fact, that I asked him to frame up another one, and I got away with this with equal joy. Then I leisurely strolled to the door to take a look at my train—and saw the end of it curling away in the rarefied distance on its way toward the land of the rising sun. It had pulled out without notifying me. I hustled into the ticket office to ask the man in the window when I'd be able to corral another eastbound train, and he said that it 'ud be along at 8 o'clock the next morning—the mate to the train that had departed without me; there was only one of the overland expresses per diem. So there I saw myself stuck in Mojave, Cal., the most miserable little sand dune on the globe, for a full twenty-four hours.

"But that wasn't the worst of it. I had left my Gladstone bag wide open on my bunk, with my wearing apparel thrown around the section every which way, and in the bag I had placed, on the night before, \$200 in gold coin, the stuff being too heavy to carry around in my pockets with any comfort.

"I've got a chance of getting the bag back," said I to myself, 'but what the black porter'll do to those \$200 in gold money will be something swooping scandalous."

"I had no idea on earth that I'd ever see a dollar of that money. I figured it all out that the porter would corral the money and then stuff my wearing apparel into the bag and hand it over to the conductor. I knew then I wouldn't be able to prove any such fact that I had \$200 in gold money in the bag, and I gave it up for gone. I told the station agent at Mojave about the bag, and he immediately telegraphed to the next station to be made by my lost train along the line, a place called Barstow, N. Mex., directing that the bag be shipped back to Mojave on the west-bound overland."

"The bag was returned to Mojave on the west-bound late that night, and I eagerly opened it up to see what I had left in the bag. Everything was there, including the stack of gold money. I counted the gold roll, and it amounted to an even \$190. The porter, I felt certain, had appropriated just one of the \$10 gold pieces to compensate him for his trouble in packing the bag, and I afterward found out that I was right in this supposition.

"I caught the train east on the following morning, and when I got to Kansas City I got off to take a bit of a rest at a hotel. As I was getting off I met the porter of the train that had left Mojave without me. He was walking about the station, waiting to go aboard his car for another western trip. He saw and recognized me as soon as I recognized him, and he grinned broadly when he saw me.

"'Boss,' said he, coming over to me, 'Ah suah did look ev'rywher' for dat othuh ten dolluh gol' piece, but Ah suah couldn't fin' it nowheah,' and then he burst into a happy ducky laugh and slapped his thigh joyously. I told him how welcome he was to the \$10 piece that he had pinched out for himself, and I'm not certain that I didn't give him another couple of dollars to show my appreciation of his honesty. It might not sound like honesty to speak of his swiping \$10 from my Gladstone bag, but under the circumstances, considering the chance he had to grab it all, and considering, too, the nature of Pullman porters as they're supposed to be, I think he was a paragon of honesty."

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## Citation.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton.

In the matter of the estate of Jane E. Fisher, deceased.

To Ethel E. Schon, Ida R. Morris, Margaret Fisher, and Rowland Fisher, heirs and devisees of Jane E. Fisher, deceased, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Benton, at the Court room thereof at Corvallis in the County of Benton on Tuesday the 8th day of March, 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause if any exist, why an order of sale should not be made as prayed for in the petition of E. E. Wilson, administrator of said estate of Jane E. Fisher, deceased, of the following described real property to-wit: Beginning at a point 37½ chains east of the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of southeast quarter of section 20, T. 11 S. R. 5 W. and run thence north 66 chains; thence east 2.20 chains; thence north 30 chains; thence east to the West line of the donation land claim of Philip Mulkey, Not. No. 338 in T. 11 S. R. 5 W.; thence south to a point 2.80 chains south of the northeast corner of donation land claim of J. C. Roberts, Not. No. 340, same T. and R.; thence north 26 degrees 36 minutes west 10.53 chains to a point 4.75 chains west of said northeast corner of said Roberts claim; thence west to the place of beginning. Also lot 10 in section 22, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in section 21, T. 11 S. R. 5 W., except therefrom the following, beginning at a point 50½ chains east of the southwest corner of said lot 5 and run thence north 4.80 chains; thence south 75 degrees east 10.23 chains; thence south 24 degrees east 1.48 chains to point on south boundary line of said lot 5 (said point being 4.40 chains west from southeast corner of said lot 5) thence west on south boundary line of said lot 5 a distance of 10.53 chains to the place of beginning, containing 2.32 acres more or less. Also a strip of land 30 feet wide running along the full length of the west side of a piece of land containing 17.83 acres described as follows: beginning at the N. E. corner of claim No. 45 T. 11 S. R. 5 W., run thence N. 18 chains; thence S. 9.91 chains to place of beginning. All the above being in Benton county, state of Oregon.

It being the intention to include in the above description all lands described in mortgage given by Jane E. Fisher and husband to the State Land Board, bearing date December 8, 1900.

And you are further notified that this citation is served upon you, and each of you, by publication thereof in the Corvallis Times, newspaper for four weeks, under an order made by the Hon. Virgil E. Watters, judge of said court, bearing date February 5th, 1904.

WITNESS, the Hon. Virgil E. Watters, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Benton, with the seal of said Court attested this 5th day of February, A. D. 1904.

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